GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

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ILLEGAL PHONE THROUGH INTERNET
BALIRAM

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn towards the news-item captioned `Internet Se Videsh Phone Karane Wale Griaftar Telephone Vibhag ko Karoron ka Chuna` published in the Hindustan dated November 29, 2001;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this kind of incident had also taken place in Noida during the last six months; and

(d) if so, the details of action taken by the Government against the guilty official in both cases?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. An illegal International Gateway by-passing Videsh Sanchar Nigam Ltd. (VSNL) was detected in Delhi on 28th November, 2001 during a surprise inspection by Dot/VSNL/MTNL vigilance officers with the help of police. The miscreants had obtained Internet Leased Line through which international voice calls were being received and were being distributed to various subscribers in and around Delhi misusing fixed telephone lines and mobile connections.

(c) No such incident was noticed in NOIDA during last six months, however one case of telephone exchange related fraud of making international calls was detected in September, 2001.

(d) (i) In the case of illegal gateway detected in Delhi, the illegal sophisticated equipment was seized and two persons were caught and arrested by the Police. No departmental official was found involved in this case.

(ii) In the exchange related fraud of making international calls detected at NOIDA, one departmental officer and three other private persons were arrested by the Police. The departmental officer has since been suspended.